



## Chapter News, September 2018



### *President's Message*

As the year ends and I review my term as president of the Alpha Mu chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, it is a time to reflect. Our nomination for Friend of Extension, Bill Northey, will receive national recognition in Manhattan, Kansas in October. We also have members doing presentations and posters at the National meeting. We have a member serving on a national committee. These are all well-deserved recognitions for our chapter!

Our challenges are membership numbers and membership involvement. We have members who are doing great things individually and in teams, but who did not submit award nominations for state and thus regional consideration in several categories. I know some people don't seek awards, but it does reflect positively on our chapter to submit awards for regional and national consideration. Don't just think of it as personal praise, but as recognition from peers in the Extension world. Iowa does great work!

We have bylaws changes proposed in order to conform to national bylaws; these will be brought to our members in October for approval. One of the changes opens our membership to anyone in Extension and Outreach in Iowa. From campus-based staff to county staff, everyone is welcome to join. Did you know President Wintersteen has been a member since 1984? Did you know we inducted three members in March?

We have our annual business meeting on October 25, with information found in this newsletter. Invite a non-member to attend with you. After lunch, we have a great afternoon of activities planned.

I am turning Alpha Mu over to good hands and it has been a good year.

Sincerely,

*Barb Fuller*

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*Please join us to experience the value  
an ESP membership can bring you*



**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday,**

**October 25, 2018**

**9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Alpha Mu  
Chapter**

Extension 4-H Building Conference  
Room (business meeting, with  
elections, by-laws vote, & more)  
Campus Tour (afternoon)

**Please RSVP for Annual Meeting**

**FILL OUT FORM**



### **More About the October 25 Fall Meeting!**

Have you ever been amazed and even a little overwhelmed at all that Extension offers the community? We all know that Extension is about relationships, but sometimes because Extension is so vast and moves so quickly, we don't make all of the pieces connect in our minds. To remedy this, the chapter leadership team has worked to create a **Scheduled Tour on campus for our October 25th Alpha Mu Chapter of ESP Fall Meeting**. *Added Bonus:* We get to finish the tour with a behind the scenes look at where the Hilton Magic comes from.

9:30 ESP Business meeting (4-H building conf room)

*\*\*Please arrive early to get parking passes*

11-ish as time allows – tour of 4-H building facilities,  
including studios and other features

11:30-ish – Lunch on our own (suggestion to walk to  
Hawthorne Café in Frederickson Court)

*Note: The tours from 1-2:30 are planned as walking  
tours, but some people may drive if walking is  
difficult*

1:00-2:30: Walking Tours:

- Organizational Advancement
- Distribution
- New Plant/Insect Diagnostic Bldg

2:30-ish travel to Hilton and Stephens Auditorium

2:45 Tour Hilton Coliseum (behind the scenes)  
(parking in Lot C2) #hiltonmagic

Plan to join us on October 25th and make the connections!

Submitted by the Professional Development Committee, Jeff Jackson, Chair, [jsjack@iastate.edu](mailto:jsjack@iastate.edu)

## Professional Development Opportunities

The Alpha Mu Professional Development Committee (Alison Boelman, Kim Brantner, and Jeff Jackson) works not only to create local professional development opportunities, but also to ensure you are aware of opportunities available through National Epsilon Sigma Phi and other sources. **Opportunities abound.**

- **National ESP offers webinars on many topics** such as: “Facing Challenges of Embracing Diversity”, “Program Design Strategy to Increase Participant Capacity”, “Water-related impacts from Climate Change: Tools and Resources for Extension Professionals”, etc. You can see the recording of these webinars by following this link: <https://espnational.org/en/view-webinars>
- **2018 ESP National Conference- Manhattan, Kansas- October 1-4.** Registration is still open. Some hotels are full, but links to other options are provided. <https://epsilonsigmaphi.wildapricot.org/2018-Conference>
- **2019 ESP National Conference- Colorado Springs, Colorado- October 14-17, 2019.** Mark your Calendars and prepare your presentations and posters.

Submitted by the Professional Development Committee, Jeff Jackson, Chair, [jsjack@iastate.edu](mailto:jsjack@iastate.edu)



## 2018 ESP Conference - A Great Value!!

- Did you know that your registration fee covers seven (7) meals, daily breaks, and a hearty reception? No need to bring lots of extra money for additional meals.
- Hotel rates are only \$112.00 per night!
- The low-cost tours are currently over 50% full, register now to secure your seat.
- Transportation from Manhattan airport is provided free of charge to the conference hotel.
- Looking for a roommate or maybe a rideshare from Kansas City airport, reach out to the National Office for more information.
- Regular Conference Registration continues until September 21st.

**Join us for a great professional development experience!**



ESP National Conference

October 1-4, 2018

Manhattan, KS

<https://epsilonsigmaphi.wildapricot.org/2018-Conference>

*It's time to...*

## Renew your Epsilon Sigma Phi Membership Through 2020

ESP members can renew their membership and manage their account profile in the national database online. The process is very quick for those renewing. If you prefer to use a help guide, visit our Alpha Mu Chapter website to download the help sheet.

Remember, your continued membership benefits YOU by increasing your professional value. Members are encouraged to explore opportunities in leadership and professional development. Benefits include scholarships to attend national conferences, access to webinars, networking and scholarly activities.

To begin, members should go to:

<https://epsilonsigmaphi.wildapricot.org/>

Start with the Login button in the upper right hand corner. You'll login using your IASTATE email address and the ESP password. After successfully logging in, you may need to click on your name in the upper right hand corner to access your profile and renewal information.

Renewing members will click on the "Renew to 02/01/2020" button. Next you will be given an opportunity to update your profile information. Iowa members will pay \$40 of national dues and \$20 of chapter dues. To pay by credit card, simply click on the "Pay Online" button. To pay by check, press the button to generate an invoice and follow the instructions for sending a check.

Thank for keeping your membership up to date! You are valued member of Alpha Mu Chapter!

Submitted by Andrea Nelson, [nelsonar@iastate.edu](mailto:nelsonar@iastate.edu)  
Membership Committee Chair

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## Northey to be Recognized at National ESP Awards Program

William Northey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, former Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, and Spirit Lake farmer, will be recognized at the 2018 National Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference in Manhattan, Kansas as one of three **National ESP "Friend of Extension"** honorees. The award will be presented on Wednesday, October 3rd at the evening recognition and awards dinner during the conference.



Northey was nominated by our Alpha Mu Chapter for this national recognition.

For a list of all national ESP award winners, go to:  
<https://epsilonsigmaphi.wildapricot.org/2018-Award-Recipients>

Submitted by Jerry Chizek, Awards Chair,  
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## 2018 Nominating Committee Report Alpha Mu Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Committee members:

David Baker  
Virgil Schmitt (Chair)

The Committee is pleased to offer the following slate for the members' consideration:

President-elect – Barb Dunn-Swanson  
Treasurer – Mary Weinand (second term)  
Board Member-at-Large – Dennis Johnson (second term)

Respectfully submitted  
Virgil Schmitt, Chair, [vschmitt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmitt@iastate.edu)